

**National Park Service
New River Gorge National River
Gauley River National Recreation Area
Bluestone National Scenic River
P.O. Box 246, Glen Jean, WV 25846
304-465-0508; 304-465-6517**



**Application for Special Use Permit
Commercial Filming/Still Photography**

Please supply the information requested below. **Attach additional sheets, if necessary, to provide required information.** A nonrefundable processing fee of \$xxx.xx must accompany this application unless the requested use is an exercise of a First Amendment right. You must allow sufficient time for the park to process your request; check with the park for guidelines. You will be notified of the status of the application and the necessary steps to secure your final permit. Your permit may require the payment of cost recovery charges and proof of liability insurance naming the United States of America as also insured.

Enter either a social security number OR a tax ID number: we do not require both.

Applicant Name:	Applicant Company:
Social Security #:	Tax ID #:
Street/Address:	Street/Address:
City/State/Zip Code:	City/State/Zip Code:
Telephone #:	Contact name:
Cell phone #:	Telephone #:
Fax #:	Fax #:
Email:	Email:
Project name:	Telephone #:
Location manager:	Cell phone #:
	Email:

TYPE OF PROJECT: ☐ Still photography ☐ video/motion picture/film

Detailed description of onsite activities: (attach additional pages as necessary)

LOCATION SCHEDULE:

Each date and each location must have an individual entry – use additional pages as necessary.

DATE	LOCATION	Start Time	End Time	Interior or Exterior	Activity: Set-Up/ Film / Non-Filming /Breakdown	# of cast & crew*

*number in this column should include all individuals present at the location

Talent comprises anyone in front of the camera and includes, but is not limited to, actors, hosts, correspondents, presenters, park visitors, cooperators, volunteers, National Park Service and concessioner staff, etc.

Do you intend to utilize talent? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, provide a full description of who they are and how they will be utilized:

Description of equipment including backdrops, sets, props, etc., to be added to or constructed on park lands: _____

ELECTRICAL REQUIREMENTS: (explain) _____

Generator(s): ☐ No ☐ Yes, quantity _____ size _____

Lighting: ☐ None ☐ Reflectors only ☐ Yes

Explain: _____

Road Use: _____ Date/time: _____

Road closure requested? ☐ No ☐ Yes

Driving shots ☐ Drive-bys ☐ Tow shots ☐ Drive-ups & Away ☐ Wet down road

Camera/Equipment on Road Shoulder ☐ Camera/Equipment on median ☐ Other (explain)

CAMERAS (check all that apply)

Hand ___ Tripod___ Dolly___ Dolly w/track footage ___ Crane or jib arm ___ Arm footage ___

Portable crane___ Car mount ___ Camera car, shot maker, or process trailer ___

OPERATIONAL INFORMATION:

Vehicles:

Number of Cars, SUVs or light pick-up trucks _____

Number of Vehicles greater than a 10,000 lbs. (class 3 or higher)_____

NOTE: Large or oversized vehicles may not be able to be accommodated or additional steps may need to be taken to ensure that no damage to park resource occurs.

BASE CAMP LOCATION: (attach diagram): _____

SPECIAL ACTIVITIES

INVOLVEMENT OF MINORS:

Children: ☐ None ☐ Yes # of Children _____ Age Range _____

LIVESTOCK and/or TRAINED ANIMALS:

Number and type of animal: _____ Manner of transportation: _____

Staging/corralling needs (attach plan if necessary):_____

AIRCRAFT: ☐ No ☐ Yes (explain)

NOTE: All aircraft use over park lands should be listed. Landings must be specifically requested and approved as a condition of your permit.

SPECIAL EFFECTS (including weapons, pyrotechnics, etc): ☐ No ☐ Yes (identify)

Effects Technician Name: _____ Phone # _____

License # (if applicable) _____ Permit # (if applicable) _____

STUNTS: ☐ No ☐ Yes (explain)

Coordinator _____ Phone # _____ Email _____

Any other unusual or hazardous activities? ☐ No ☐ Yes (explain)

Have you physically visited the requested area? ☐Y ☐N

When answering yes to any of the following questions, provide additional information:

Do you have, or are you applying for, a permit with another Federal, State or local agency for this activity ☐Y ☐N

Have you had previous permits from the National Park Service? ☐Y ☐N

Have you ever been denied a permit or had a permit revoked? ☐Y ☐N

Have you forfeited a bond or other security for filming on Federal lands? ☐Y ☐N

Are there any pending investigations against you which involve a commercial filming permit ☐Y ☐N

Do you plan to advertise or issue a press release about this activity? ☐Y ☐N

Do you anticipate any security concerns? If yes, explain. ☐Y ☐N

You are encouraged to attach additional pages with information useful in evaluating your permit request including: story boards or scripts, set construction, parking plan, security plans, sanitary facilities, crowd control, emergency medical plan, off-road activity, trail use, use of any building and site clean-up.

PROJECT ADMINISTRATION:

Are you applying for this permit on behalf of another person or company? ☐Y ☐N

If yes, provide a full description (including contact information) of all other individuals/companies involved with this project (attach additional sheets if needed):

CONTACTS:

Person on location responsible for adherence to all terms & conditions of the permit:

Name: _____ Title: _____

Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____ Email: _____

Person on location responsible for coordinating activities with the NPS:

Name: _____ Title: _____

Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____ Email: _____

Person at the company office to contact for follow up information and billing:

Name: _____ Title: _____ Phone: _____

Email: _____

I hereby state that the above information given is complete and correct, and that no false or misleading information or false statements have been given. All estimates are reliable to the best of my knowledge and I have the full authority to represent the applicant/production company and the project described above.

Signature _____ Title _____ Date _____

Company Name _____

Note: this is an application only, and does not serve as permission to conduct special activity in the park. The information provided will be used to determine whether a permit will be issued. Send the completed application along with the application fee in the form of a cashier's check or money order made payable to **National Park Service** at the Park address found on the first page of this application to the attention of Permits Office.

If your request is approved, a permit containing applicable terms and conditions will be sent to the person designated on the application. The permit must be signed by the responsible person and returned to the park for final approval by the Park Superintendent.

Notice to Customers Making Payment by Personal Check: When you provide a check as payment, you authorize us either to use information from your check to make a one-time electronic fund transfer from your account or to process the payment as a check transaction. When we use information from your check to make an electronic fund transfer, funds may be withdrawn from your account as soon as the same day we receive your payment, and you will not receive your check back from your financial institution.

NOTICES

Privacy Act Statement: The Privacy Act of 1974 (5 U.S.C. 552a) provides that you be furnished with the following information in connection with information required in this application. This information is being collected to allow the park manager to make a value judgment on whether or not to allow the requested use. Applicants are required to provide their social security or taxpayer identification number for activities subject to collection of fees and charges by the National Park Service (31 U.S.C. 7701). Information from the application may be transferred to appropriate Federal, State, and local agencies, when relevant to civil, criminal or regulatory investigations or prosecutions.

Paperwork Reduction Act Statement: We are collecting this information subject to the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. 3501) to provide the park managers the information needed to decide whether or not to allow the requested use. All applicable parts of the form must be completed in order for your request to be considered. You are not required to respond to this or any other Federal agency-sponsored information collection unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

Estimated Burden Statement: Public reporting burden for this form is estimated to average 30 minutes per response including the time it takes to read, gather and maintain data, review instructions and complete the form. Direct comments regarding this burden estimate or any aspects of this form to the Information Collection Clearance Officer, National Park Service, 1849 C Street NW (1237), Washington, D.C. 20240.

Title 18 U.S.C. Section 1001 makes it a crime for any person knowingly and willfully to make to any department or agency of the United States any false, fictitious, or fraudulent statements or representations as to any matter within its jurisdiction.

When is a filming permit required?

Filming and commercial activities – whether commercial or noncommercial – will be allowed provided that activities do not cause unacceptable impacts to park resources or public use. All commercial filming requires a permit. Commercial filming is defined as digital or film recording of a visual image or sound recording by a person, business, or other entity for a market audience, such as for a documentary, television of feature film, advertisement, or similar project. It does not include news coverage or visitor use.

Still photography activities, whether commercial or noncommercial, require a permit when: (a) the activity takes place at location(s) where or when members of the public are generally not allowed; or (b) the activity uses model(s), sets(s), or prop(s) that are not a part of the location’s natural or cultural resources or administrative facilities; or (c) the park would incur additional administrative costs to monitor the activity; or (d) the park needs to provide management and oversight to (1) avoid impairment or incompatible use of the resources and values of the park, or (2) limit resource damage, or (3) minimize health or safety risks to the visiting public.

News coverage does not require a permit, for either filming or still photography, but is subject to time, place, and manner restrictions, if warranted, to maintain order and ensure the safety of the public and the media, and to protect natural and cultural resources.

All commercial filming and still photography activities requiring a permit are subject to cost recovery charges and a location fee. No waivers are allowed. Cost recovery charges for all commercial and still photography permits will include costs incurred in receiving the request/application, reviewing the application, writing the permit, monitoring the activity, providing protection services, restoring park areas, or otherwise supporting the filming or photography activities. This application/administrative cost recovery charge is \$100.00. Location fees are determined by the type of activity (commercial filming versus still photography), and the number of people on park lands associated with the permitted activity. Location fees are calculated per day and are based on the following schedule:

<u>Commercial/Filming/Videos</u>		<u>Still Photography</u>
1-2 people with camera and tripod	\$-0-	
\$-0- <u>only</u> , working in areas open to the public		
3 – 10 people	\$150.00/day	3 – 10 people \$50.00/day
11 – 30 people	\$250.00/day	11 – 30 people \$150.00/day
31 – 49 people	\$500.00/day	Over 30 people \$250.00/day
Over 50 people	\$750.00/day	

Liability insurance will be required with the United States of America named as Additional Insured. In some circumstances, posting of a bond may be required.

The NPS will encourage and may actively assist filming and photography activities that promote public understanding and appreciation of the park or the national park system. NPS employees, while on duty

or in uniform, will not be employed by filming permittees. Identifiable NPS equipment, uniforms, or insignia must not be portrayed in any way that would imply NPS endorsement of a product or service.

If you are uncertain whether your project requires a permit or not, contact the park's Permit Office at 304-465-6517 for additional information. If you already know that your project does not require a permit, please call the office to check the permit schedule in order to avoid conflicts with other activities. If your project does require a permit, please contact the Program Specialist as far in advance as possible to request and complete a film permit application. Please note that, after the park receives your completed Application for Commercial Filming/Still Photography Permit, the park requires **at least** ten (10) business days for reviewing and processing the request. Go to www.nps.gov/neri/ to print the Application for Photography/Filming Permit form.